

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel original claims 1 through 12 and add the following new claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A method of treating a patient having a disease state involving intravascular coagulation which comprises administering to said patient a lyophilized formulation comprising a weight to weight ratio of about 1 part activated protein C to between about 5 to 7 parts bulking agent.

14. (New) The method of Claim 13 wherein the bulking agent is selected from mannitol, trehalose, raffinose, and sucrose, and mixtures thereof.

15. (New) The method of Claim 14 wherein the bulking agent is selected from trehalose, raffinose, and sucrose.

16. (New) The method of Claim 15 wherein the disease state is selected from thrombotic stroke, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, peripheral arterial thrombosis, emboli originating from the heart or peripheral arteries, acute myocardial infarction, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and acute pre or postcapillary occlusions.

17. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the acute pre or postcapillary occlusions include transplantations or retina thrombosis.